
Individual Budgeted Funds

GENERAL FUND:

The General Fund is the Commonwealth's primary Governmental Fund. All governmental activities not specifically directed to another fund are accounted for in the General Fund. As a result, most budgeted expenditures of the Executive secretariats, the Legislature, constitutional offices, institutions of higher education and independent commissions and a portion of expenditures for the judicial system are paid for from the General Fund. It similarly receives a significant portion of sales, individual income and corporate taxes, and the full amount of most other governmental taxes.

HIGHWAY FUND:

The Highway Fund accounts for highway user taxes including the gas tax and fees; used to finance highway maintenance and safety services, and provide matching funds for federally sponsored highway projects as required.

Infrastructure Fund (Subfund of Highway Fund) details specific components of revenue and expenditure related to the Highway Fund, segregated per instructions in Section 2 O of Chapter 29 of the General Laws.

LOCAL AID FUND:

The Local Aid Fund accounts for revenue from sales, income, other corporate taxes and lottery profits which have been earmarked for distribution to cities and towns or are used to finance programs that benefit local communities, and a major portion of the court systems.

COMMONWEALTH STABILIZATION FUND:

The Commonwealth Stabilization Fund accounts for amounts calculated in accordance with state finance law and maintain a reserve to enhance the Commonwealth's fiscal stability.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL FUNDS:

To account for the revenues generated by certain administrative functions of government, for which the Legislature has required that separate funds be established.

Tax Reduction Fund accounts for the maintenance of a reserve which shall be used only to reduce personal income taxes.

Intragovernmental Service Fund accounts for the charges of any state agency for services provided by another state agency, for example, charges levied by the public employee retirement administration for worker's compensation chargeback.

Revenue Maximization Fund accounts for increased collections as a result of special initiatives; these revenues become available for expenditure by the various state agencies.

Tax Exemption Escrow Trust Fund accounts for a reserve to partly fund the permanent personal income tax cuts enacted by Chapter 175 of the Acts of 1998.

Collective Bargaining Reserve Fund accounts for transfers from the general fund which may be used to fund negotiated contracts for state employees.

Transitional Escrow Fund accounts for funds set aside to be held until December 31, 1999 as a reserve per section 46 of Chapter 68 of the Acts of 1999.

ENVIRONMENTAL FUNDS:

These funds account for a variety of revenues, which finance programs to preserve, protect and enhance the environment.

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Fund accounts for revenues from public and private sources and/or the federal government as reimbursements, grants, donations or other receipts; used to acquire by purchase, lease, easement or license land critical to nongame wildlife and endangered species for purposes of protecting and enhancing nongame wildlife.

Mosquito and Greenhead Fly Control Fund accounts for assessments to cities and towns of various mosquito control districts; appropriated to support activities designed to control mosquitoes and/or greenhead flies.

Inland Fisheries and Game Fund accounts for revenues from license and permit fees for inland fishing, hunting and trapping and/or the sales of land, rights and properties, gifts, interest, and federal grant reimbursements; used for developing, maintaining and operating the division of fisheries.

Environmental Challenge Fund accounts for inappropriate disposal of hazardous waste and other environmental infractions; used for cleanup, control or response actions for oil and hazardous materials, and to reduce the production of hazardous waste.

Toxic Use Reduction Fund accounts for the fees, penalties, and other financial charges collected by the Toxic Use Reduction Institute including grants or gifts collected. Appropriations are for the specific purpose of cleaning up and reducing toxic waste.

Clean Environment Fund accounts for programs for recycling compost, solid waste source reduction and other environmental programs which are financed through unclaimed bottle deposits escheated to the Commonwealth.

Environmental Permitting and Compliance Assurance Fund accounts for revenues from the issuance of permits for the removal of hazardous

materials and certain other fees; used to fund the cost of monitoring, discharge sampling and analysis, inspection, technical assistance, and enforcement activities necessary to ensure compliance by persons holding permits.

Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Fund accounts for fees, penalties, grants, gifts or other contributions used to provide reimbursements for cleanup and other expenditures incurred as a result of damage caused by underground storage tanks and systems.

Environmental Law Enforcement Fund accounts for revenues from certain gas taxes, federal grants, and revenue from law enforcement coverage details throughout the Commonwealth; used for operating the division of law enforcement.

Public Access Fund accounts for revenues from certain gas taxes and federal reimbursements; used for the cost of acquisition, construction, maintenance operation and improvement of public access to state waterways.

Harbors and Inland Waters Maintenance Fund accounts for certain gas taxes, fines, permits and federal reimbursements used for maintenance, dredging and cleaning of harbors, inland waters and great ponds.

Marine Fisheries Fund accounts for revenues from certain gas taxes, licenses, and fees; used to manage the division of marine fisheries.

Watershed Management Fund accounts for revenues from the sale of wood products harvested on watershed lands, and assessments from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority; used to maintain and operate the MDC Watershed Division.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Fund accounts for assessments on persons licensed or registered to receive, possess, use, transfer or acquire radioactive material; used for the expenses of the Low Level Radioactive Waste Management Board to carry out its duties.

Asbestos Cost Recovery Fund accounts for revenues from court judgments/settlements relative to the removal of asbestos; used for operations, maintenance, encapsulation and removal of asbestos.

Clean Air Act Compliance Fund accounts for revenues from permit applications and grants; used for the implementation, administration, monitoring and analysis of permitting compliance and enforcement of technical assistance programs.

Solid Waste Disposal Fund accounts for monies received relative to solid waste disposal including assessments from cities and towns to be appropriated for the purpose of management, maintenance and operation of solid waste disposal facilities.

Second Century Fund accounts for fees or charges for use of the Commonwealth's system of parks, forests or other natural resources subject to the oversight of the department of environmental management pursuant to section two of chapter twenty-one; and expenditure for the enhancement, improvement and maintenance of forest and parks systems.

Safe Drinking Water Fund accounts for drinking water assessments to end suppliers engaged in the distribution of water and used for the administration of monitoring federal safe drinking water act.

OTHER FUNDS:

To account for a variety of miscellaneous taxes, fees, fines and other revenues which are restricted to the financing of specific Commonwealth programs.

Child Support Penalty Fee Fund accounts for penalties, fees or interest assessed by IV-D agency to establish the enforcement of child support authorized under Title IV of the Social Security Act.

Workforce Training Fund accounts for revenues from new unemployment surcharge of .075% of unemployment taxable wages on employers; to provide grants to employers and labor groups to provide education and training to new and existing employees.

Brownfields Revitalization Fund accounts for transfers from General Fund and related interest or investment earnings; amount appropriated for financial assistance to project sites located within Federal Empowerment Zones or Enterprise communities.

Firearms Records Keeping Fund accounts for revenues from firearms registration fees for the purpose of implementing, enhancing and maintaining a state firearms information system.

Clean Election Fund accounts for revenues from the voluntary tax return check off on personal tax returns; for the purpose of payment to eligible candidates for public financing of campaigns for statewide elective office.

Antitrust Law Enforcement Fund accounts for fines, penalties received and expenses paid related to actions brought by the Attorney General in connection with antitrust actions.

Victim and Witness Assistance Fund accounts for assessments imposed on individuals convicted of crimes; used to make grants to District Attorney's Offices and the Parole Board for programs serving crime victims and witnesses.

Intercity Bus Capital Assistance Fund accounts for the acquisition of vehicles for inter-city transportation and the revenues and costs associated with their operation.

Motorcycle Safety Fund accounts for motorcycle registration fees collected to administer motorcycle safety programs.

Drug Analysis Fund accounts for certain revenues received by the courts resulting from fines; used for the cost of analysis of controlled substances.

Re-Employment and Job Placement Fund accounts for the excise on employer contributions and activities authorized under Title III and Title IX of the Social Security Act and Title V of the Job Training Partnership Act.

Trust Fund for the Head Injury Treatment Services Fund accounts for revenues from a surcharge on fines resulting from DUI convictions; funds the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission's statewide head injury program to develop and maintain non-residential rehabilitation services for head injured persons.

Massachusetts Tourism Fund accounts for revenues received from hotel taxes; used to fund the Office of Travel and Tourism promotions and the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority.

Health Care Access Fund accounts for a portion of the cigarette tax fees assessed from certain programs, and federal reimbursements associated with the uncompensated care pool; used for establishing a program of preventive pediatric health care services, universal immunizations and managed care community health centers.

Ponkapoag Recreational Fund accounts for a portion of golf course revenues; used for the capital improvement, purchase of equipment, and maintenance of the golf course.

Leo J. Martin Recreation Fund accounts for a portion of golf course revenues; used for the capital improvement, purchase of equipment and maintenance of the golf course.

Division of Insurance Fund accounts for revenues collected from agent licenses to a maximum amount of three million dollars; used to fund the cost related to accreditation from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Health Protection Fund accounts for a portion of the cigarette tax, penalties, forfeitures, interest, settlements of lawsuits and fines collected in connection with sales of cigarettes; used to supplement existing funding for school health education programs, workplace and community smoking prevention and cessation programs, public service advertising, and for support of community health centers and their programs of prenatal and maternal care.

State Building Management Fund accounts for revenue rentals and commissions, such as parking fees and expenditures for the maintenance and operation of the Massachusetts Information Technology Center, the Springfield State Office Building, the State Transportation Building and other facilities.

Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center Fund accounts for revenues from user fees, concession stand commissions and other fees; used for equipment repair, maintenance and nonpayroll operating expenses.

Assisted Living Administration Fund accounts for certification fees; used for operating expenses associated with the regulation of Elder Affairs Assisted Living.

Commonwealth Economic Development Fund accounts for monies transferred from the federal loan interest fund; used to promote employee and worker training, education and the general economic development of the Commonwealth.

Commonwealth Cost Relief Fund accounts for transfers from other funds; used for subsidies and other assistance for water pollution abatement projects, mitigation of sewer rate increases, and for extraordinary expenditures of the Commonwealth.

Children's and Senior's Health Fund accounts for a portion of the cigarette and smokeless tobacco tax, inventory tax and related investment income; to be appropriated for the provision of medical benefits to expansion beneficiaries and a five year pilot program of pharmacy assistance.

Diversity Awareness Education Trust Fund accounts for fines and related interest or investment earnings from the trial courts from assault and battery cases with the intent to intimidate based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, nationality or disability; to be appropriated for the purpose of developing and maintaining diversity awareness educational programs and courses for persons convicted of such crimes.

Child Care Fund accounts for monies transferred from Transitional Aid to Needy Families Fund; used for the administration of child care programs under the Office of Child Care Services.

Transitional Aid to Needy Families Fund accounts for all federal revenues and reimbursements received by the Commonwealth pursuant to the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, effectively ending Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and replacing it with Transitional Aid to Needy Families (TANF) block grants.

Social Services Program Fund accounts for monies transferred from Transitional Aid to Needy Families Fund, used for the operation of the Department of Social Services.

Local Consumer Inspection Fund accounts for all amounts generated from item pricing fines, appropriated to provide financial assistance to eligible local or regional agencies.

University of Massachusetts Lowell Wannalancit Complex Building Management Fund (inactive) accounts for revenues from leasing, operation, granting of concession or other use of the Wannalancit Complex; used to meet obligations related to operation and ownership of the complex .

Caseload Increase Mitigation Fund accounts for revenues or other financing sources directed by budget to be appropriated for increased costs due to excessive welfare cases or to accomodate for fluctuations in federal funding for the Department of Transitional Assistance.

Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Fund accounts for surcharges imposed on tourist tickets, such as cruise and for any land-based sightseeing located in the Commonwealth to finance the construction of a new Boston Convention Center.

Voting Equipment Loan Fund accounts for transfers from General Fund; loans to municipalities to replace punch card voting systems which shall be

repaid to the Commonwealth no later than ten years after such loan is made.

The following fund was closed in fiscal 1998:

Commonwealth Fiscal Recovery Fund accounts for dedicated taxes, investment income and payments for debt service on the Commonwealth Fiscal Recovery Bonds.

The following funds have been enacted in legislation but are inactive for fiscal 1999:

Rate Payer Parity Trust Fund accounts for all personal and corporate tax revenues attributable to the sale of assets relative to electric companies and penalties and fees collected for the purpose of providing extraordinary assistance in achieving the required electricity rate reduction.

Danvers State Hospital Reuse accounts for first \$100,000 proceeds of sale, lease or other disposition of the Danvers State Hospital Disposition sites and is available for the needs of mental health clients formerly served by the Danvers State Hospital.